

REMARKS

Consideration of the present application in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested. Upon entry of these amendments, the claims pending in this application will be claim nos. 9-17, 22-27, 44, 48-49, 60, 61, and 71-73. Of these claims, nos. 22, 60, and 71 are amended to incorporate the limitations of the base claim, and to more particularly point out the side-by-side relationship of these containers. Support for these claims can be found in the now canceled claims. This relationship is now affirmatively recited in the body of claim 9, whereas previously, it had been recited in the preamble.

Also, the applicant here by disclaims priority to U.S. patent application nos. 09/607,265 and 09/625,748.

Wherefore, based upon the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition of allowance and a relatively early reply to this paper would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS PRESENTED IN THIS PAPER

9. (amended) A multi purpose container comprised of, in side-by-side arrangement:
a first container portion configured to receive a hand held electronic device, wherein the first container portion is provided with first half, a second half, and a hinge joining the first half and the second half, the second half movable between an open position and a closed position, the first container portion having an interior space for receiving a hand held electronic device; into which space the hand held electronic device can be inserted and removed from the container portion;

a second container portion configured to receive a writing implement, the second container portion being open on one side, through which a writing implement can be inserted and removed from the second container portion, wherein the first container portion and the second container portion are arranged side by side.

22. (amended) In combination, [the] a container [of claim 18], a pair of eyeglasses placed in the first interior space, and a writing instrument placed in the second interior space, wherein the container comprised of a first half and a second half, the first and second halves each having hinge forming members that join to form a hinge that permits the container to be opened and closed, the halves having a base side and a skirt extending around the perimeter of the base in a direction perpendicular to the base, wherein the hinge forming members are located on one side of the base, wherein when the eyeglass container is in the closed position the skirt of the first half and the skirt of the second half are in an abutting relationship and first interior space is defined for storing an item; wherein the hinge defines a second interior space in a side by side arrangement with the first interior space, and wherein an item having the configuration of a writing instrument can be positioned in the second interior space.

44. (amended) A container for storing an item comprised of:

a first container portion having a side wall that defines an interior space;

a second container portion defining an interior space that is configured to store a writing instrument, the second container portion being positioned on the sidewall of the first container portion;

the first container portion having a closure attached thereto by a hinge, the closure being movable between a position closed on the container and an open position permitting access to the interior space [The container of claim 42] wherein the closure is provided with a timepiece in which is visible on a side of the closure facing the interior space, the timepiece being visible when the closure is in the open position.

48. (amended) A container comprised of:

a first container portion having a hinged body movable between a closed position and an open position, the body defining an enclosed interior space in which an item can be placed when it is in the closed position;

a second container portion defining an interior space that is configured to store a writing instrument, the second container portion being joined to the sidewall of the first container portion [The container of claim 45] wherein one of the end closures is provided with a gauge for measuring a parameter or a computational device.

49. (amended) The container of claim [45] 48 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a timepiece.

60. (amended) In combination, [the] a container [of claim 52], a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container, wherein the container is comprised of a hinged body having first and second container portions in an adjoining relationship, the hinged body movable between a closed position and an open position, the hinged body being comprised of halves joined at the hinge, the halves being divided into a first container forming portion and a second

container forming portion, the body having end closures at first and second ends of the body, wherein the body, when in the closed position, defines first and second interior spaces in the first and second container portions in a side-by-side arrangement, in which items can be placed when the body is in the closed position.

71. (amended) In combination, [the] a container [of claim 63], a pair of eyeglasses, and a writing instrument stored in the container, wherein the container is comprised of: a body having a length dimension that is divided in halves in a direction that intersects the length dimension, the body further having first and second container portions in an adjoining side by side relationship, the body movable between a closed position in which the two halves are joined and an open position in which the halves are separated, and wherein the body, when in the closed position, has interior spaces defined in the first and second container portions, in which portions items can be retained.

72. (amended) The container of claim [63] 71 wherein one of the end closures is provided with a timepiece.

110. (amended) In combination, the container of claim [42] 44 and a pair of eyeglasses stored within the first container portion.

111. (amended) In combination, the container of claim [42] 44 and a writing instrument stored within the second container portion.